President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Issues

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ble and you're going to try on chemi-cal weepons. Why don't you on the killer satellities? The same of the same trying but, at a saw, we have to face the reality that before you can piace any confidence in such a treaty you must be confident that you have the one thing that the Soviets have been the most reluctant to give in any trea-tes that we've ever or that we have with them, and that is verification procedures.

White House Integrity

Q: Mr. President, more than a dozen members of your Administration have left under some sort of a cloud, and this is what the Democrats are calling the "sleaze factor." Are you concerned the voters might think there's a lack of integrity in the proposed of the property of the property

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The United States and many other countries have urged repeatedly that the Soviets return to these talks. So far, they have ignored the will of the world.

Chemical Weapons

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Impact of Cuts

Q. Mr. President, the Congressional Budger Office has just released as tudy on the impact of your budget and fax cuts, the budget and fax cuts that have been enacted since you took office, and it found that the poorest families lost the most and the richest families gained the most. For instance, families earning under the most families are arming to the families and families earning over 880,000 a year gained more than 88,000. Is that fair?

A. It not only wouldn't be fair but I don't think it's true. You know, as Disraell once said, there are lies, blankety-blank lies and statistics blankety-blank lies and statistics that the state of the sta



President Reagan at his news conference last night.

going to be a political problem for your this year?

A. Well, I'm concerned about it, it's a political problem if people believe it is probably the most get time in the probably the probable in the probab

O. Mr. President, last October you said the presence of U. S. Marines in Lebanon was central to our credibility on a global scale. Now you've withdrawn them and terminated our presence in the M.N.F. So to what extent have we lost credibility worldwide?

A. We may have lost some with some people, but situations change; sam. It was truit when I said that, but I can, I think, explain, and I'll try us make it as brief as I can, what the same of the strain of the same of the s

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Q. If I may, you began your answer by saying we lost some credibility Are you to blame for that, or like Sec retary Shultz, do you blame Con gress?

retary Shultz, do you blame Congress?

A. I have to say this, Sam, and they say that this was one of the things, and they must take a responsibility, when you're engaged in this kind of a concentration of the same take a responsibility, when you're engaged in this kind of a chores there, and there is an effort made to oust them, a debate as public as was conducted here, raging with the Congress demanding, Oh, bring our men home, take them away. All this can do is stimulate the terrorists and urge them on to further attacks can be also stimulate the terrorists and urge them on to further attacks can be also stimulate the terrorists are used in getting the force out, which is keeping them from having their way. And it should be understood by everyone in government that once this is committed, you have rendered them ineffective when you conduct that kind of a debate in public.

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Salvador Proposal

Q. Mr. President, the Senate today unanimously adopted a proposal to withdraw U.S. military aid from E1 Salvador if the government there is overtirown by a military coup. Some proposal the Doardes that might be proposed the Doardes that might be proposed to the proposal that passed the Senate today, and would you veto it if it came to your desk?—A. Well, I'm not going to talk about whether to veto it or not, but I think there again this is not helpful in what think it's something that I just don't think they should be doing at this time.

Q. Does that mean you don't sur-

time.
Q. Does that mean you don't support it, sir?
A. No. Chris?

War Powers Act

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Q. I'd like to follow up on Sam's
question if I could, Mr. President,
Secretary of State Shultz says one of
the problems in Lebanon is the War
Powers Act and that Congress is always meddling in foreign policy than
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rowers Act trait's going to continue?

A. Well, I'll tell you, Chris, this is a
time for me to say. 'I told you so. 'For
a long time – even before I became
Governor, I was saying that the war
in Vietnam had reached a position, or
a state, in which we should have
asked for a declaration of war and
called it a war.

Prayers in School

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O. Mr. President, while you were
lobbying for the school prayer
amendment recently, the gist of one
of your arguments was that Congress
should pass it because polls showed
the American people were overtion polls, sir, also show that American
sales and an immediate verifiable
U.S.-Soviet quiclear freeze. In light of
that and in light of your argument, do
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right, low all ew going to plan the prayers.

Well, I was in — I told many of the Congressmen I was in more elementary schools than most people. My father moved around a great deal. I was in five of 'em before I got out of eighth grade, And I don't recall there ever being in a mandatory or a prayer session in any of the schools. But we all knew that prayer was not denied in schools.

schools.

Q. But sir, if I could just follow up. I understand your disappointment—the Senate debate and the vote—but I gave what I make you have the senate debate and the senate when the sen

control and the nuclear freeze issues, which you do not?

A. Well, there are methods of handling it. I have always preferred a different method, with regard to handgus and one that we used in California.

In California, knowing that the wrong people would probably never have any problem getting a gun and the law handling citizen as well as the handling citizen as well as the standing citizen as the standing citizen as well as the standing citizen as

Mining Off Nicaragua

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Q. Mr. President, recently the U.S. backed opponents of the Sandinstar regime have gone beyond their star regime have gone beyond their the Nicaraguan coast. All portions the Nicaraguan in Cortact and the Nicaraguan in Cortact and the Nicaraguan is exporting revolution to El Salvador, its neighbor, and is helpful to the Contrast. All portions the properties of the Nicaraguan in the Nicaraguan is several to the properties that are trying to overthrow a duty elected government. And as long as they do that, we're going to its and the Nicaraguan in the properties of the Nicaraguan in the Nicaraguan in the properties of the Nicaraguan in the properties of the Nicaraguan in the Nicaraguan in the properties of the Nicaraguan in the properties of the Nicaraguan in the N

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Q. Mr. President, until recently your Administration had handled trade disputes with Japan with relatively little public fanfare, but over the last few days three of your Cabinet members and several other Administration of the members and several other Administration of the members and several other Administration of the members of the member

is some complaints about those who are trying to negotiate these things. Jimmy?

Q. Mr. President, you mentioned the public pressure. Is there any difference between your position on these trade disputes and the position

of the Democratic Presidential candi; dates?

A. Well, I'm not going to comment on them other than to say that I think there's a difference with them on almost everything, Jerry?

On Lamm's Remarks

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Q. Mr. President, some people
might say that you're a man whose,
approaching the golden years, and i'd
Governor Lamm of Colorado who,
said that some elderly people have a
duty to die and get old of the way and
fall like leaves to provide humus for
the younger generation. What is your
reaction to that stakement?
A. Well, I think it was as shocked as
anyone was to heat such a statement,
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Middle East Talks

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M. Tresident, you've ben' saying recently that you're trying to encourage moderate Arab leaders tojoin the Middle East peace process,
et King Hussein, the key moderate
Arab, seems to have shut the door,
rather firmly. In view of that, what isyour future course regarding your 82peace plan and how do you intend to,
try to remove the obstacles on thatcourse?

peace plan and how do you intend toy to remove the obstacles on history to remove the obstacles on history to remove the obstacles on history to remove the obstacles of the continues to be our plan and. I believe that King Hussen still feels, and beligves that he would have to be, an important part, being the next-door neighbor to Israel, in bringing about such negotiations. And I continue the camp bayid process, to continue the Camp David process, to the term to the continue the Camp David process, to the continue to the co

Declaring War

O. Mr. President, getting back to you rearlier statement that you felt for some time that we should have determed war during the Victama period. Against whom would we have declared war and it we had done so that the statement of the statement of